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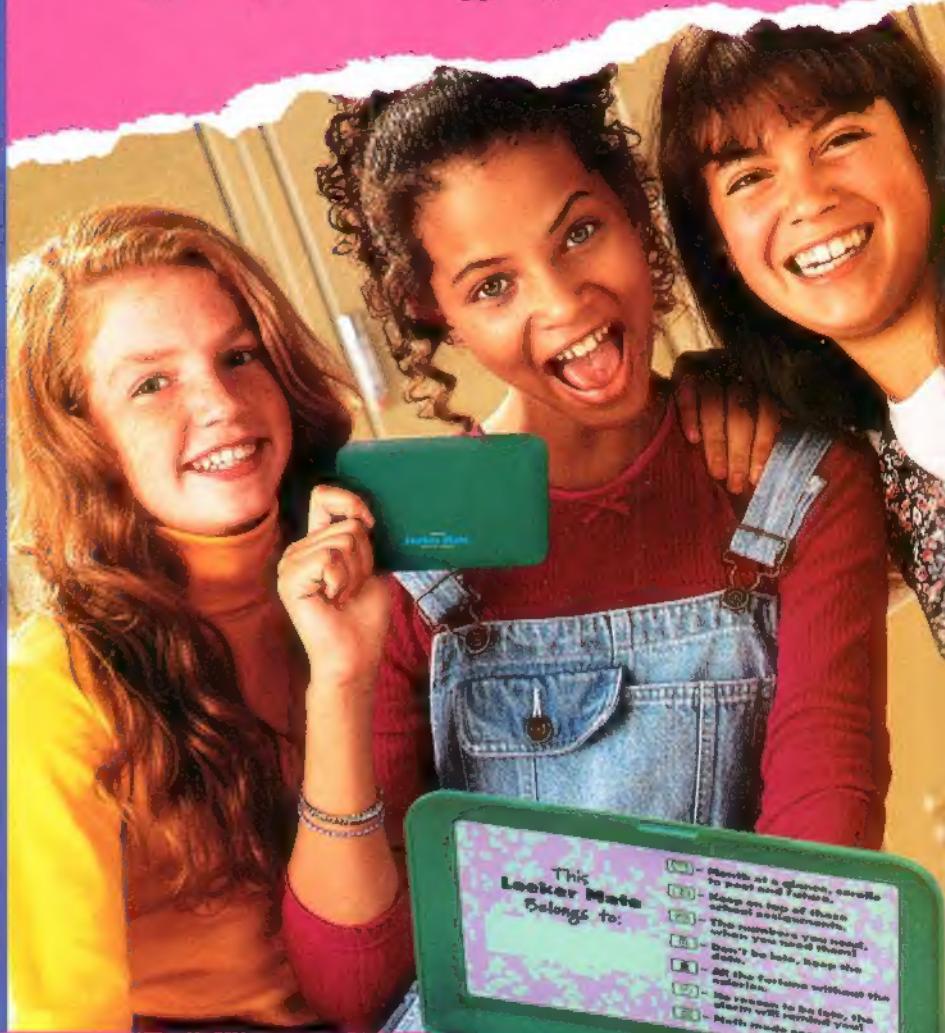


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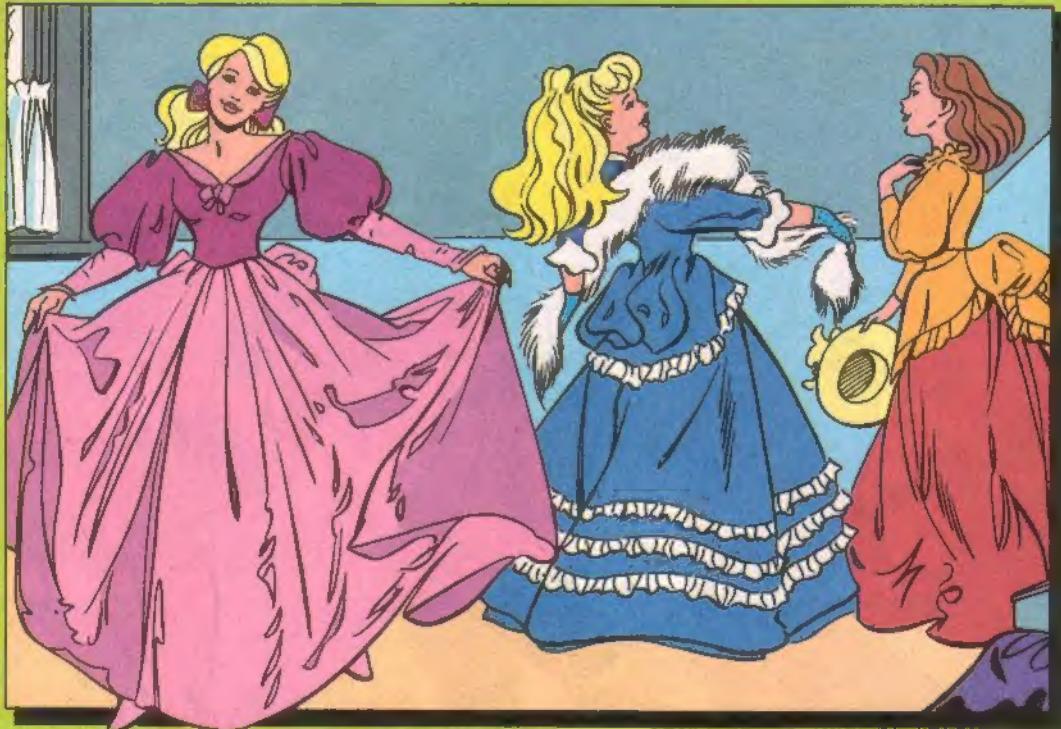


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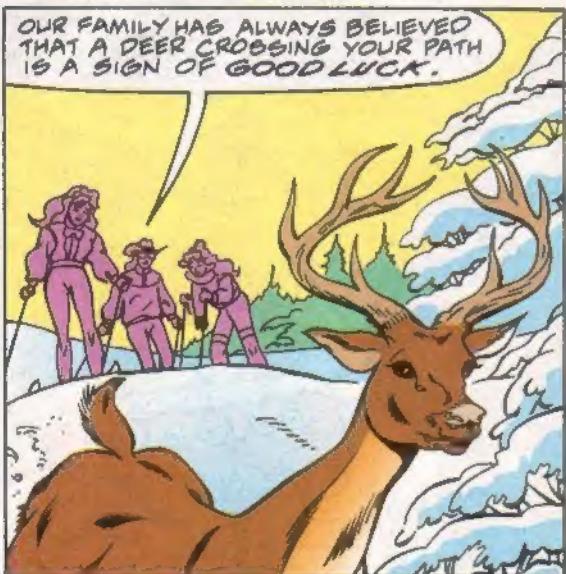
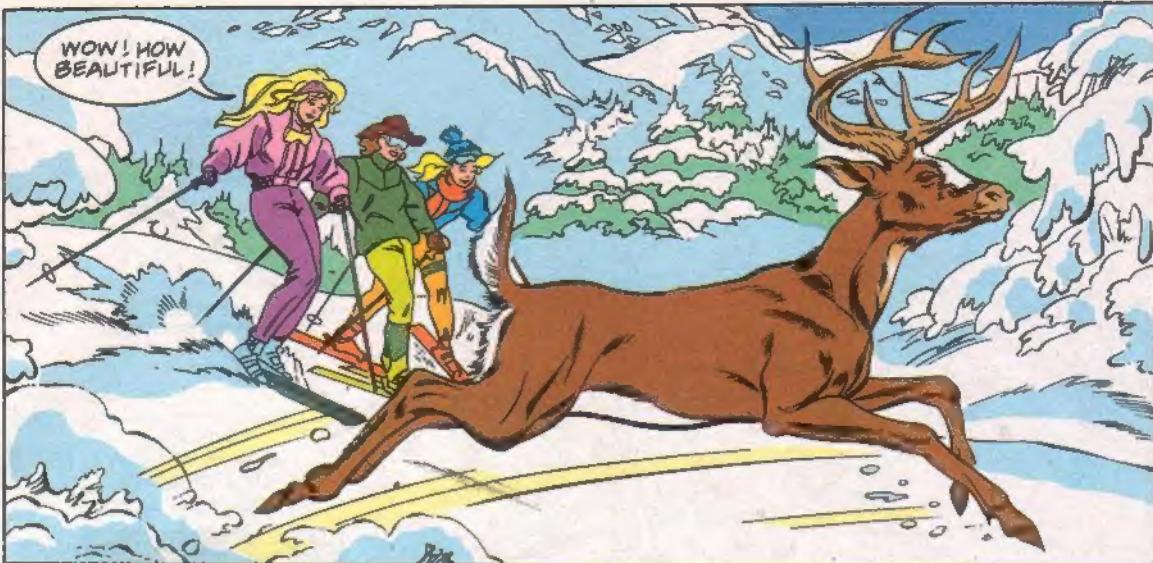
WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SPEND THANKSGIVING MORNING, G.G.! THANKS FOR INVITING US.

YOU'RE WELCOME, BARBIE. SKIPPER AND I HAVE BEEN PEN PALS FOR SUCH A LONG TIME, I FEEL LIKE WE'VE ALREADY MET.

ISN'T THIS A WONDERFUL MOUNTAIN?! SOMETIMES IT'S SO QUIET, IT SEEMS AS THOUGH I'M THE ONLY ONE UP HERE.

G.G., BARBIE! LOOK! WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT ALONE!







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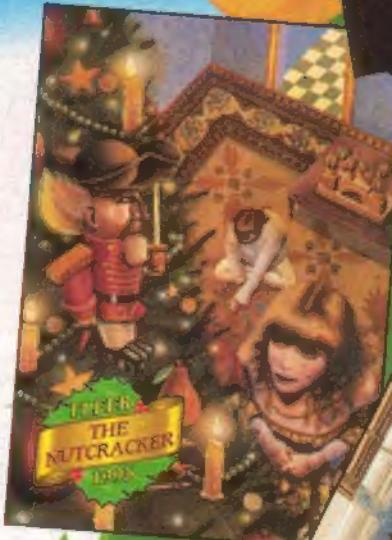
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MY FINGERS  
ARE FROZEN!

HURRY, SKIPPER!  
MY TOES ARE  
FROZEN IN MY  
WET BOOTS!

SO  
IS MY  
NOSE!

HOW ABOUT SOME OF MY  
HOT COCOA, GIRLS?

THAT WOULD  
BE GREAT  
MOM!

MY FINGERS  
FEEL WARMER  
JUST THINKING  
ABOUT IT,  
MRS. MOORE



THIS TASTES  
WONDERFUL.  
THANK YOU.

THIS IS A TERRIFIC  
MUG. WHERE DID  
YOUR FARM GET  
THE NAME, "GOLD  
DUST"?

IT'S A  
MYSTERY,  
BARBIE.



THIS FARM HAS  
BEEN IN MY  
FAMILY FOR OVER  
100 YEARS.

BUT MY PARENTS  
DIDN'T KNOW MUCH  
ABOUT ITS HISTORY--  
AND I'M AFRAID  
NEITHER DO I.



AH, WELL. THAT'S ALL  
IN THE PAST. LET'S  
TALK ABOUT TODAY.  
DID YOU HAVE FUN?

WE SURE DID!  
G.G. IS A  
TERRIFIC SKIER.



HEY, LOOK AT  
ALL YOUR  
SKIING  
TROPHIES!

DO YOU  
MIND IF  
I HAVE A  
CLOSER  
LOOK?

GO  
RIGHT  
AHEAD,  
SKIPPER.



"GRACE GARLAND  
MOORE." WHO'S  
GRACE GARLAND  
MOORE?!

I KNOW!"G.G."  
IS FOR GRACE  
GARLAND! IT'S  
YOU!

YES, THAT'S  
ME, ALL RIGHT.  
BUT DON'T TELL  
ANYONE.



ALL THESE YEARS  
WE'VE BEEN PEN  
PALS, I NEVER  
KNEW YOUR  
NAME.

THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
I DON'T  
LIKE IT.

IT'S AN  
"OLD LADY"  
NAME.

I THINK  
IT'S PRETTY.

GRACE WAS NAMED  
AFTER HER GREAT-  
GREAT GRAND-  
MOTHER.

THAT THUNDERSTORM  
HASN'T LET UP!

KRAK!  
GUESS  
IT MEANS  
WE WON'T  
BE DOING  
ANY MORE  
SKIING  
TODAY.

WHEN I WAS YOUNG I HAD  
GREAT FUN ON STORMY DAYS!  
I WOULD PLAY "DRESS-UP"  
WITH THE ANTIQUE CLOTHES  
IN THE ATTIC.

THAT  
SOUNDS  
FUN!

YEAH!  
LET'S  
GO!



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Peanut Butter Crunch's taste?



BEFORE WE RUN OFF,  
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING  
THE GIRLS AND I CAN  
DO TO HELP WITH  
THANKSGIVING  
DINNER?

NO,  
NO,  
NO!

THANKS FOR  
OFFERING, BUT  
I PREPARED  
ALMOST  
EVERYTHING  
DAYS AGO.

FOLLOW  
ME!



SOON...

WHAT FABULOUS  
OLD DRESSES, G.G.!

WHERE DID  
YOU GET  
THEM?

I DON'T KNOW.  
THEY'VE JUST  
ALWAYS BEEN  
UP HERE.



LOOK AT THIS  
COOL TRUNK!

THERE ISN'T ANYTHING  
GOOD IN THERE--  
JUST OLD BOOTS  
AND SOME EQUIPMENT.



SOMETIMES THESE  
OLD TRUNKS HAVE  
FALSE BOTTOMS.

YOU MEAN  
SOMETHING  
COULD BE  
HIDDEN  
UNDERNEATH?!

LET'S  
TAKE A  
LOOK!



HEY, THE  
BOTTOM  
POPPED  
RIGHT OUT!

DO YOU SEE  
ANYTHING DOWN  
THERE, BARBIE?



THIS OLD BOOK  
WAS HIDDEN  
UNDERNEATH.

IT LOOKS  
LIKE A  
DIARY.



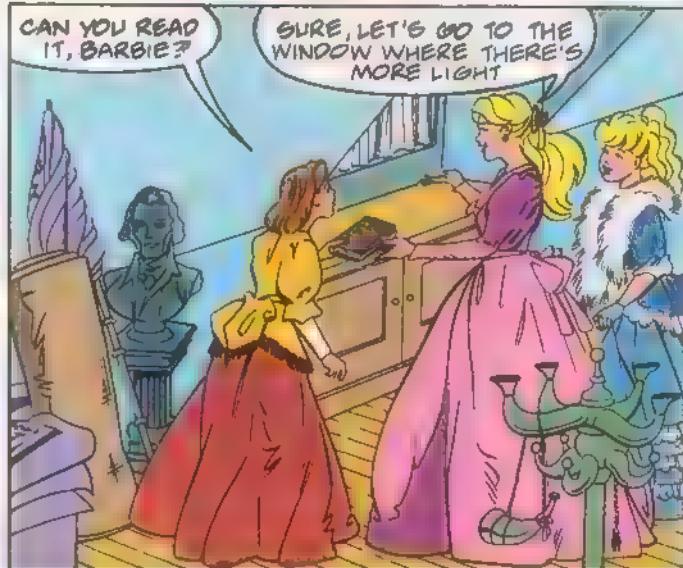
I WONDER  
WHO IT  
BELONGED  
TO?

MAYBE WE'LL  
FIND OUT IF WE  
READ IT.



CAN YOU READ  
IT, BARBIE?

SURE, LET'S GO TO THE  
WINDOW WHERE THERE'S  
MORE LIGHT



HMM... IT BEGINS  
"APRIL 12M, 1896..."

WOW!  
THAT'S ONE  
HUNDRED  
YEARS  
AGO!



IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD HAVE  
BEEN LIKE TO LIVE BACK THEN!

WHAT ELSE  
DOES IT SAY,  
BARBIE?!

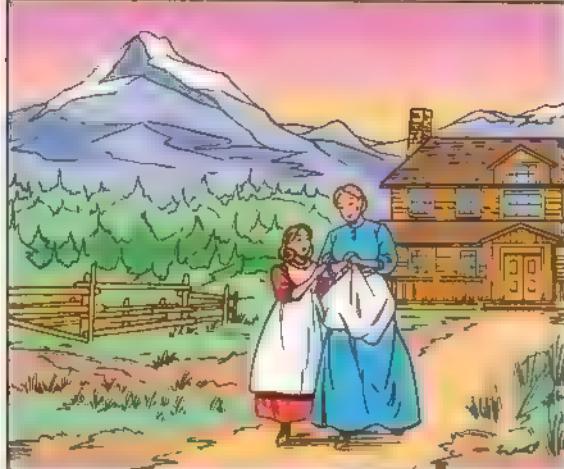
IT SAYS  
"DEAR  
DIARY..."





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"...Our crops failed this year. The bank wants the money they lent us. But we don't have it. I fear they will take our farm."



"A ship from Alaska has docked. The prospectors have arrived loaded with gold! What a great adventure!"



"My neighbors are sailing to Alaska to seek their fortunes. If only I could go with them..."



"Great news! My neighbors could use an extra hand. They've invited me to go!"



"BUT PAPA, I'M THE OLDEST AND THE STRONGEST! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GO!"

"I SEE YOUR HEART IS SET ON THIS."



"THANK YOU, PAPA! BY THANKSGIVING I'LL RETURN WITH ENOUGH GOLD TO PAY BACK THE BANK AND MAKE YOU PROUD OF ME."

"I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PROUD OF YOU, GRACE."



"That night, I met with the neighbors.

WE'RE GLAD FOR YOUR COMPANY, GRACE.

YES, BUT WE MUST WARN YOU...

...OUR UNCLE CALEB JUST RETURNED, AND HE TOLD US IT'S A VERY ROUGH TRIP.

IT WON'T BE EASY CARRYING 2,000 POUNDS OF SUPPLIES OVER 1,000 MILES.



BUT UNCLE CALEB GAVE US LOTS OF GOOD ADVICE.

YES, HE TOLD US HOW TO TRAVEL UP THE MOUNTAINS AND DOWN THE RIVER.

AND HOW AND WHERE TO LOOK FOR GOLD.



THEN YOU CAN COUNT ME IN.

I MADE A PROMISE TO PAPA...



...I JUST HOPE I CAN KEEP IT.

WOW! WHAT HAPPENS TO GRACE NEXT?



END PART I

## PART II: RUSHING FOR GOLD

"April 21st .. We left on a steamship bound for Alaska..."

WHAT A FIERCE STORM, GRACE! COME BELOW WITH THE OTHERS!

I'D RATHER BE UP HERE IN THE FRESH AIR THAN BELOW WITH THE ANIMALS AND SEASICK PASSENGERS.



WE CAN STAY UP HERE AS LONG AS IT'S SAFE, GRACE.

BUT, HANG ON TIGHT! IT'S A WILD WIND!

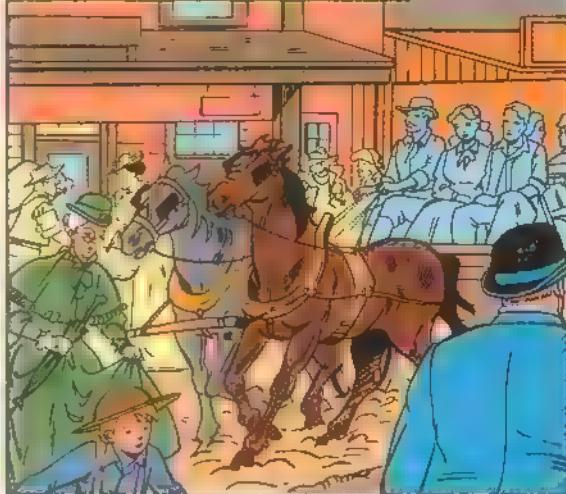
YES, ISN'T IT EXCITING?! I CAN'T WAIT TO WRITE ABOUT IT IN MY DIARY!



"We soon landed in Alaska to begin our summer adventure. We loaded our food and shelter supplies into a wagon."



"Then we headed through the tiny port town, knee deep in mud!"



"The outskirts of town were crowded with prospectors' tents."



SOON...



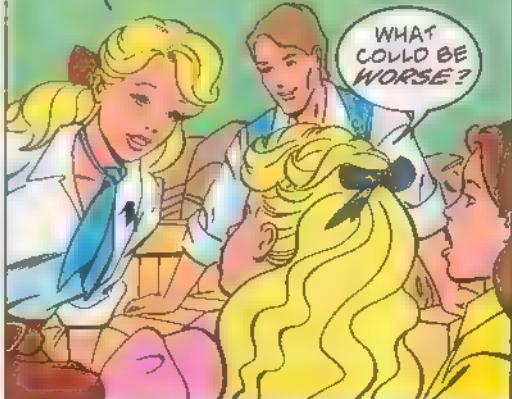
"Ten miles from town, we unloaded our supplies."

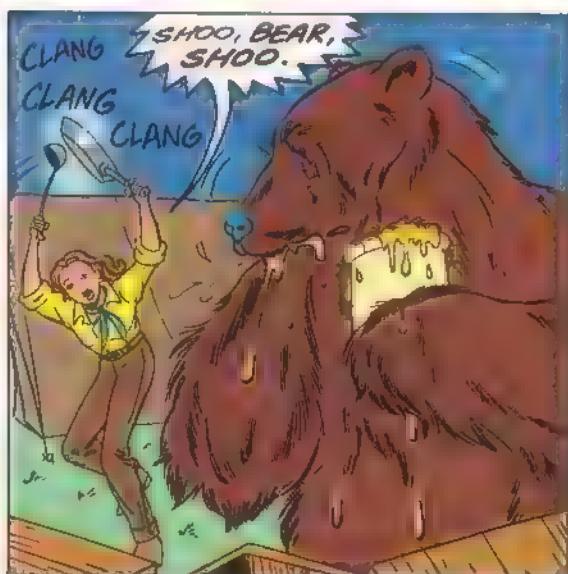
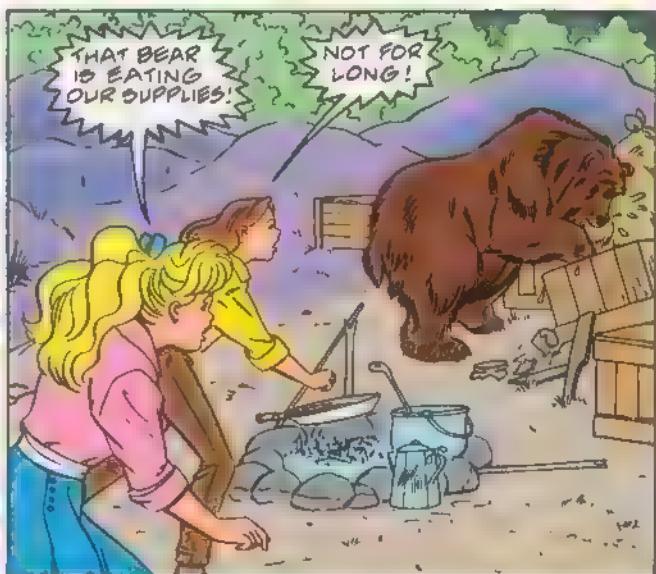
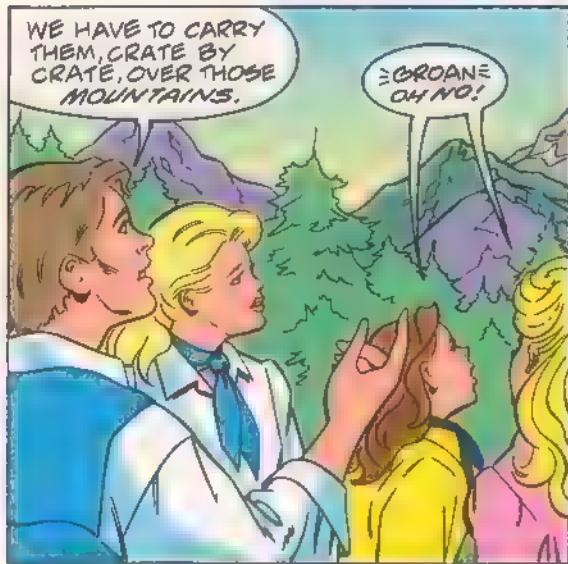
"NOW THAT THE WAGON'S GONE, HOW DO WE MOVE OUR SUPPLIES?"

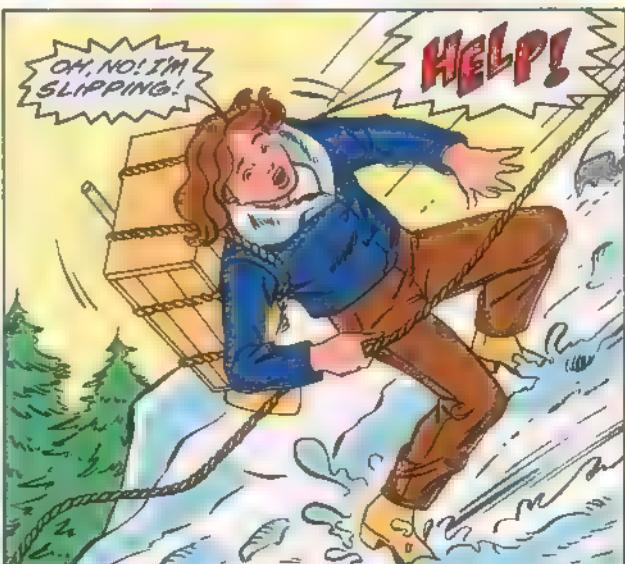
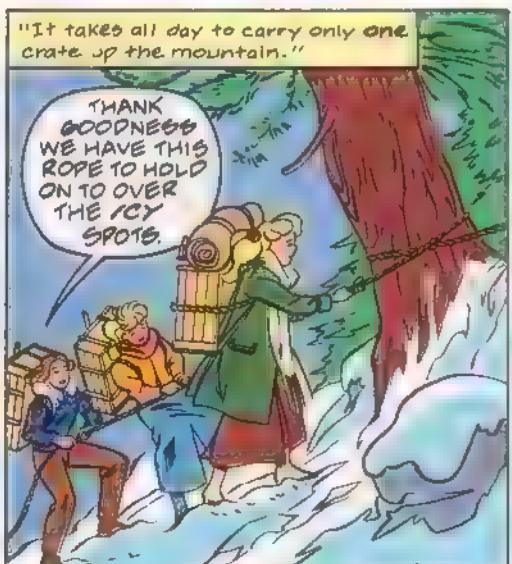
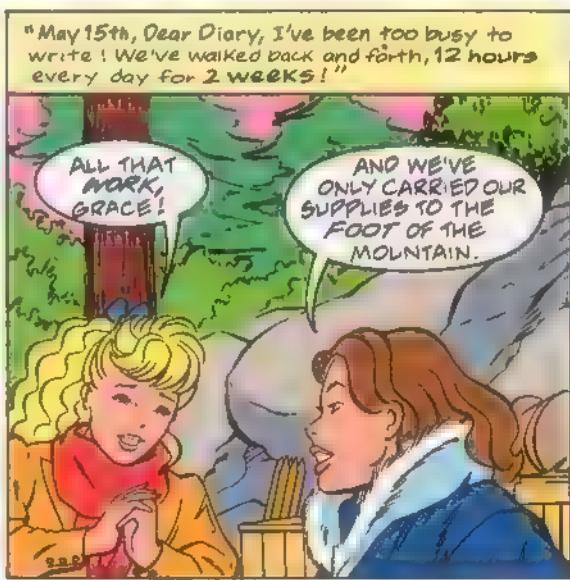
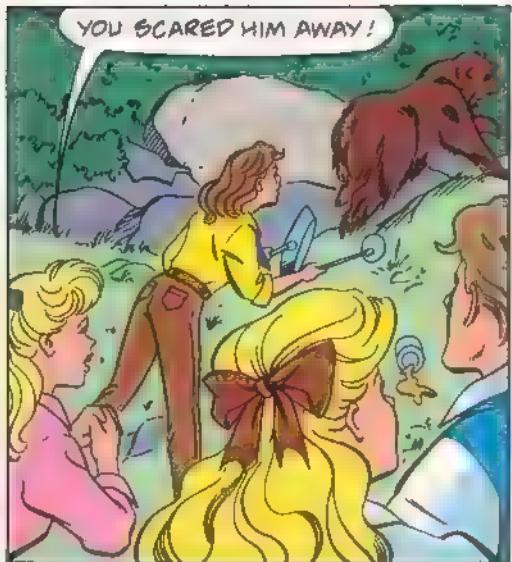


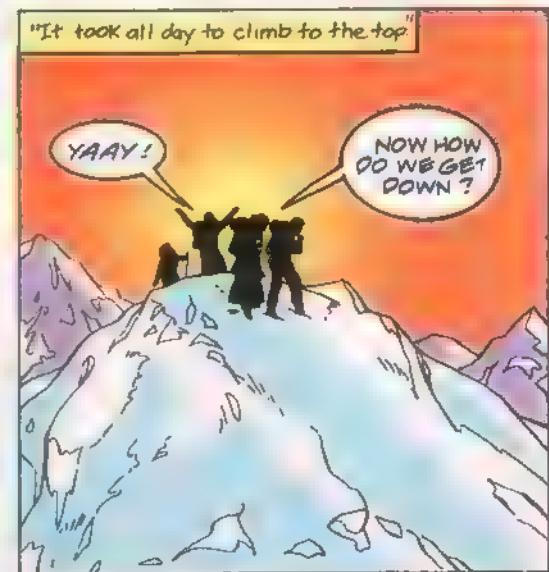
"WE HAVE TO CARRY THEM ON OUR BACKS."

"AND THAT'S NOT THE WORST PART."









UNCLE CALEB SAID TO USE A CRATE TOP OR A SHOVEL.

OKAY LET'S SLIDE!

"Getting down the mountain was fun! It only took a few minutes."

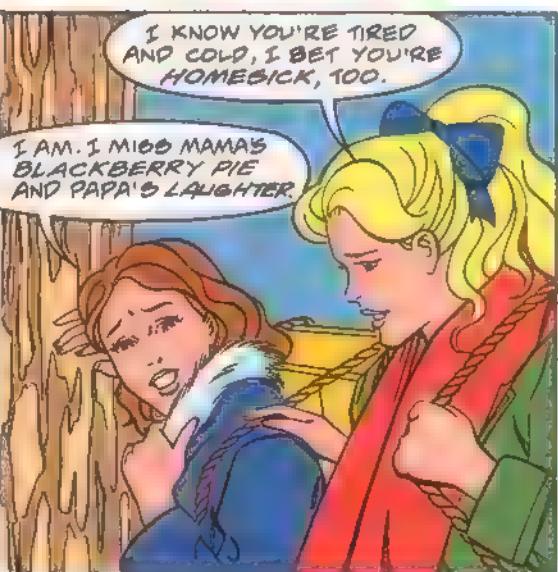
WHEEE!

WHOOPIE!

May 20th  
Dear Diary!  
Every day is the same.  
From sunrise to sundown, we struggle  
up the mountain with our heavy food supplies.  
Today I wanted to give up!

THIS ADVENTURE IS TOO HARD.

REMEMBER WHY YOU'RE HERE, GRACE. IT'S NOT ONLY FOR ADVENTURE. IT'S TO HELP YOUR FAMILY.



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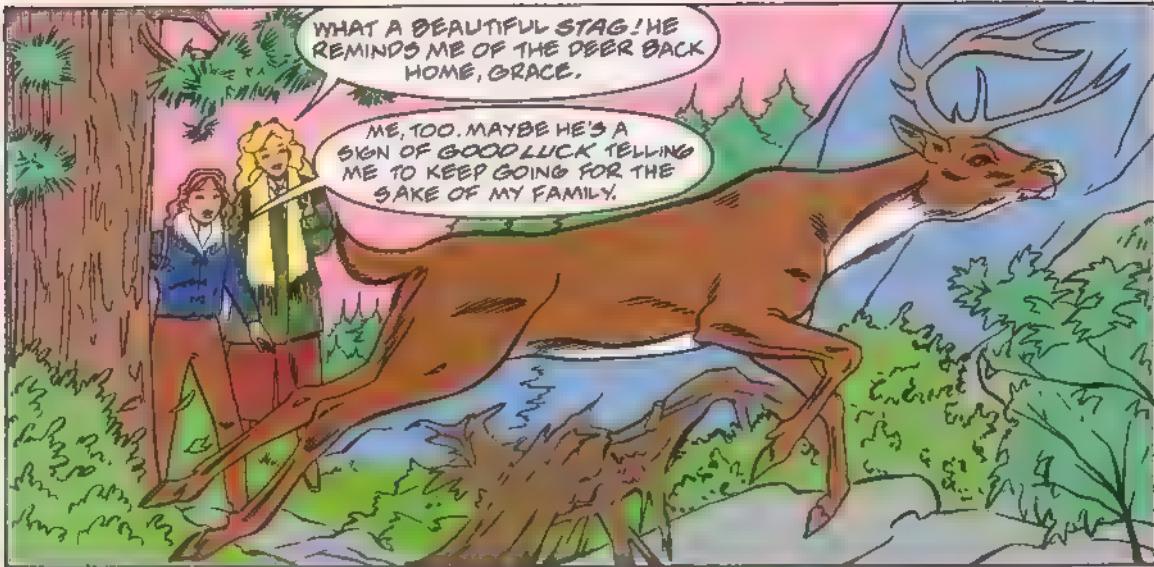
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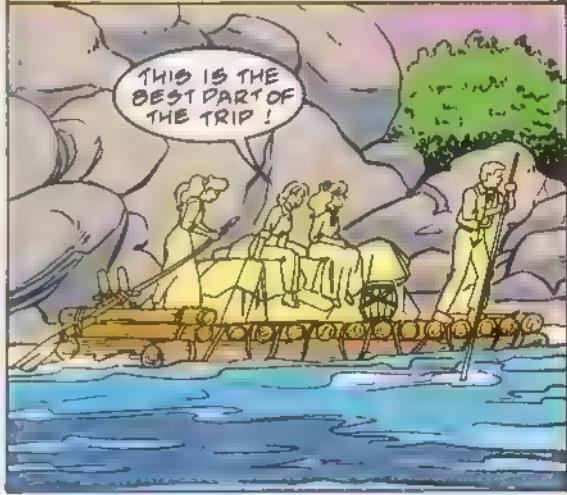
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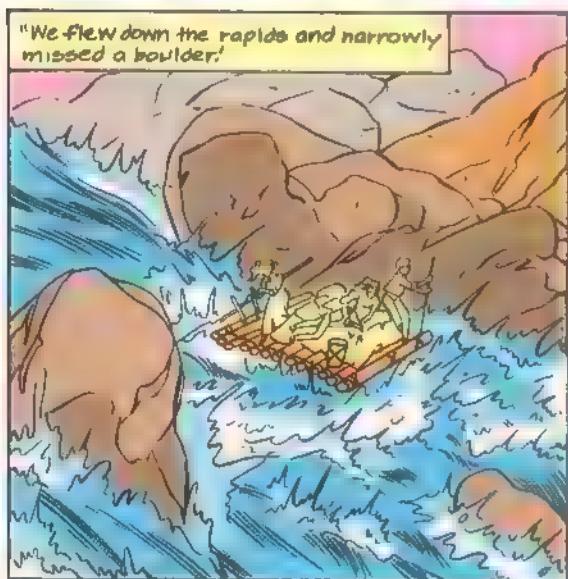


" May 29th, Dear Diary, We finally made it !



" I wish I could say we were finished after all that! Instead, we spent a week building a flat boat to take us down the river! "





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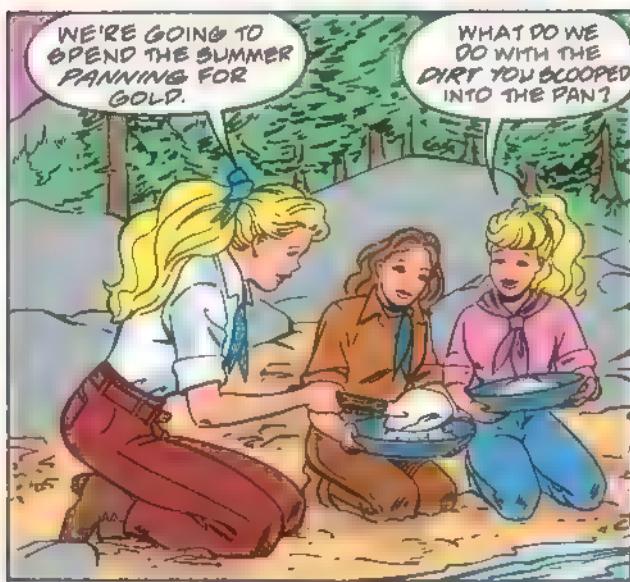


WITH SPIDER-MAN AND SECRET VILLAIN PEEL-OUTS.

"Dear Diary, we finally traveled the last miles and set up camp by a creek near the Klondike River."



"Searching for gold was different than I imagined it would be."



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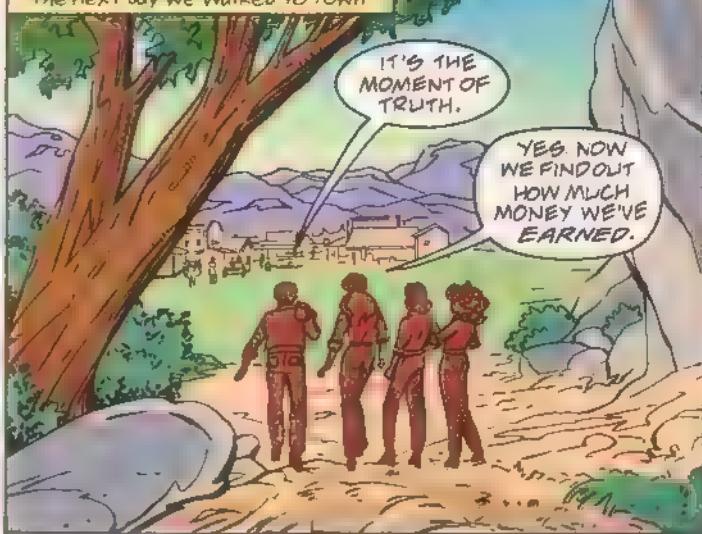


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"Day after day, from morning to night we panned for gold. We put every tiny flake into an enormous can. Finally at the end of September, the can was full."



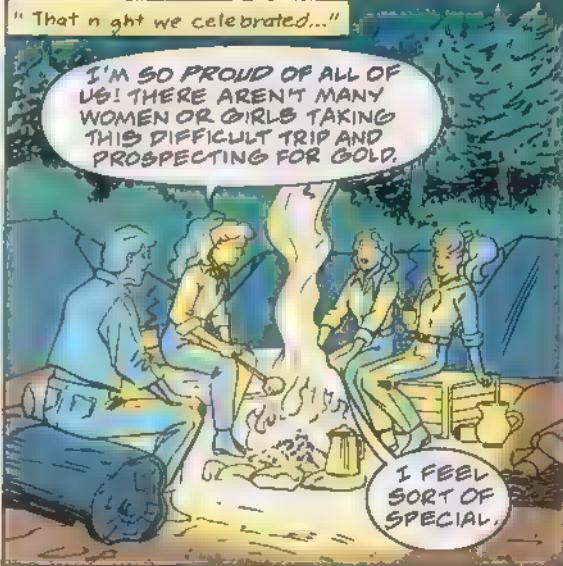
"The next day we walked to town"



SOON...



"That night we celebrated..."



YOU ARE SPECIAL!

WE WORKED VERY HARD AND WE ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH.



I SAY WE CELEBRATE WITH SOME TOE TAPPIN' AND KNEE SLAPPIN' FUN!

YAYY FOR US!

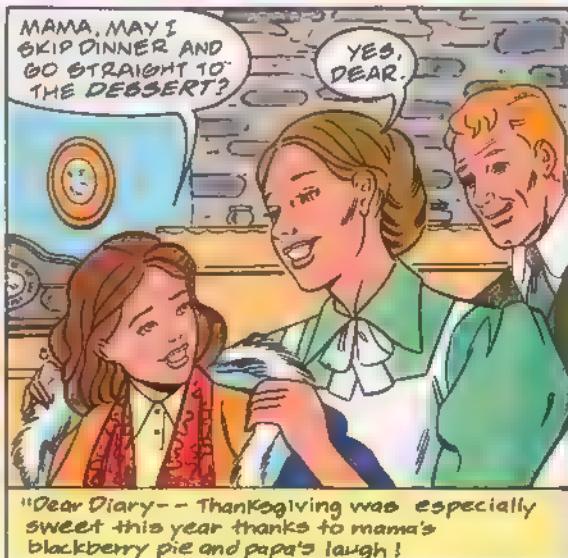
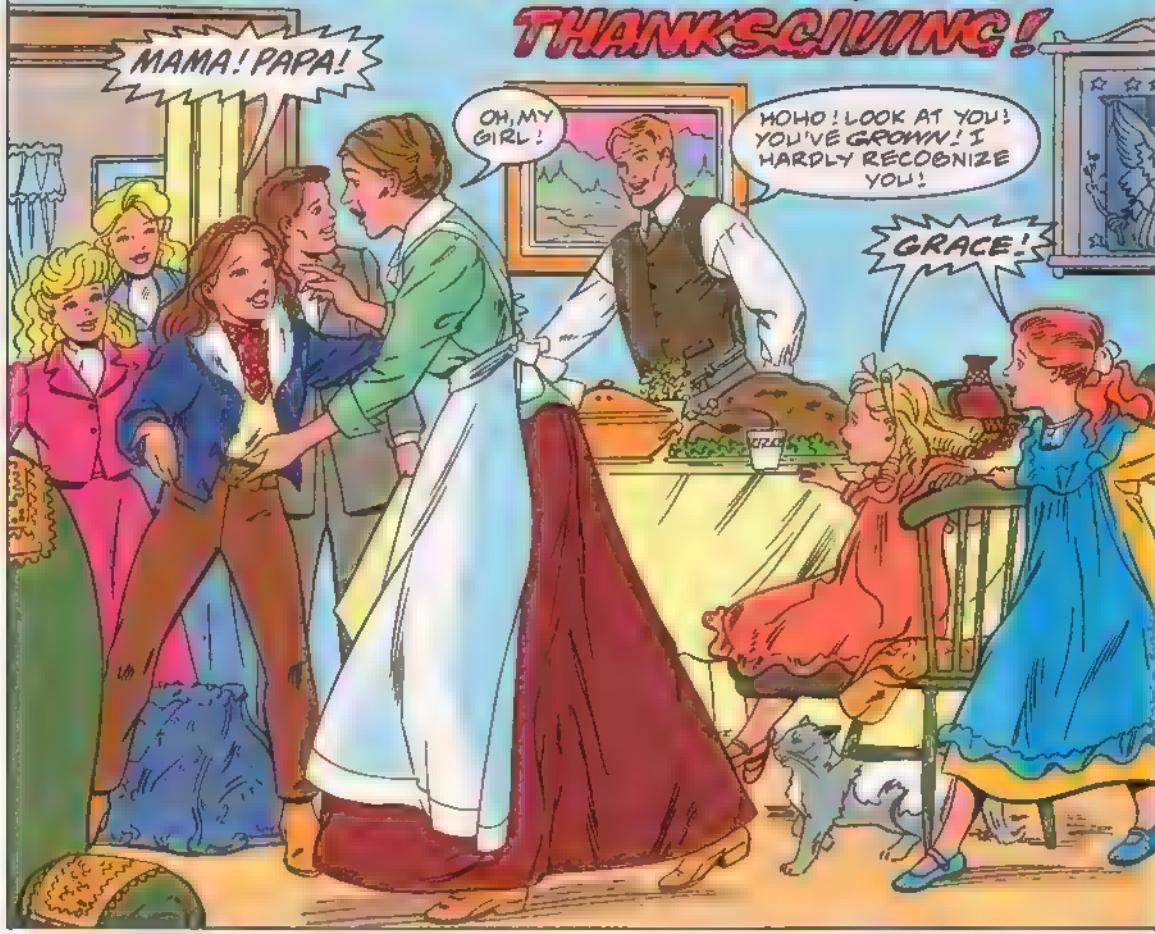
WE DID IT AND WE'RE GOING HOME!



END PART 2

# Golden Girl

## PART III: A GOLDEN THANKSGIVING!



"Dear Diary -- Thanksgiving was especially sweet this year thanks to mama's blackberry pie and papa's laugh!"

BACK TO THE ATTIC...



SO I WAS NAMED FOR MY GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER WHO HIKE THROUGH ALASKA AND PANNE FOR GOLD SO SHE COULD SAVE THIS FARM!



I'VE GOT TO TELL MOM! GRACE GARLAND WAS A YOUNG GIRL LIKE ME!!

AND EVERY BIT AS ADVENTUROUS!

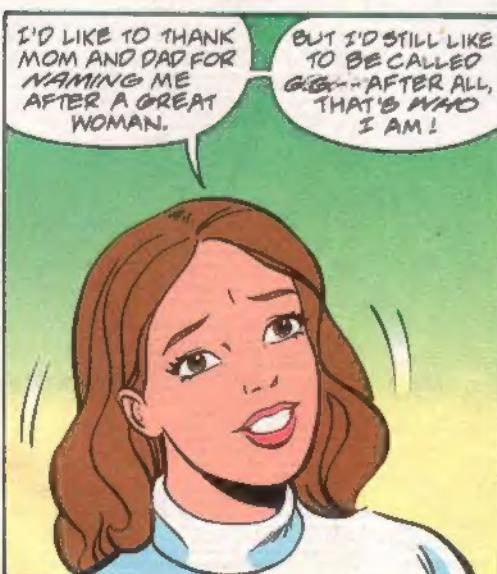
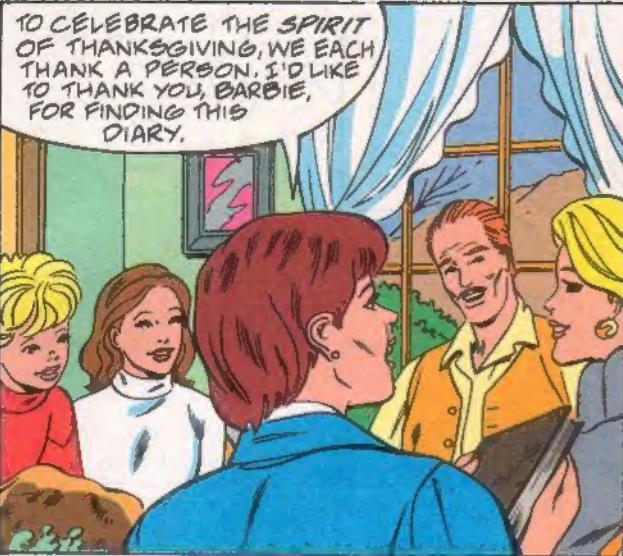


LATER...



TO CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING, WE EACH THANK A PERSON. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU, BARBIE, FOR FINDING THIS DIARY.

I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT MY FAMILY--WHY THE FARM IS NAMED "GOLD DUST," WHY A DEER IS A SIGN OF GOOD LUCK AND THAT MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER WAS STRONG AND BRAVE.



IF GRACE GARLAND WERE HERE, I THINK SHE'D THANK YOU FOR SERVING DELICIOUS BLACKBERRY PIE!

ANOTHER FAMILY TRADITION!

THANKS TO BARBIE, NOW WE KNOW WHY!

THE END

# LETTERS TO



# Barbie

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Write to: BARBIE Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016

Hey, kids — Since we print your name, age, city and state, please include them on your letters.

Dear BARBIE Comics,

I am a mother of eight (one still at home), and grandmother of ten. I would like to thank you for the stories that you do, from cowgirls, trailblazers and romance to Thanksgiving and African adventures. They educate, teach caring, and teach history the fun way. They all say a girl can do anything she wants.

On behalf of all the mothers and grandmothers I know, thanks for these stories. Mom can say it a hundred times, but Barbie and Skipper only have to say it once — and they all listen. Keep up the great work!

Bernice Lea  
Salem, MO

Wow! Thanks so much for all the kind words, Ms. Lea! It means a lot to us to receive such high praise from a mother and grandmother. We're glad you and your family enjoy BARBIE comics and we're glad you wrote to us!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Allyn. I am only 3½ years old, but my mom and I always read BARBIE comics together. I love all of your clothes, and your beautiful long hair — my hair is really long, too!

My mom has started a collection of BARBIE comics for me. And I also collect Barbie dolls and clothes.

Allyn Nichole Ghahary, age 3½  
Paterson, NJ

It's wonderful that you and your mom read BARBIE comics together, Allyn! People of all ages enjoy BARBIE!

Dear BARBIE,

My sister urged me to read a BARBIE comic. At first, I thought I wouldn't like it at all. But the comic was really good! My sister loves your comics. Please keep making BARBIE comics (for my sister, of course!).

A Secret Admirer  
Pittsburgh, PA

We won't give your identity away, but why keep the fact that you like BARBIE comics a secret?! So many people of all ages and backgrounds love reading BARBIE — we receive hundreds of letters every month from our wonderful fans. We hope you are proud to count yourself among them!

Dear BARBIE,

I love your adventures with Skipper. You are a very nice person. I wish I could be like you. I can't wait until I get my next comic. I have a lot of fun reading your comics. I have to go now. Bye.

Katie Schuerz, age 8  
Pittsburgh, PA

Lucky you, Katie, there will be a brand new issue of BARBIE comics available next month — and every month after that, as long as we have fans like you!

Dear BARBIE,

I am a big fan of yours. I have some of your comics. If I ever get bored, I read them over and over. I am 7 years old. I play Barbies, too. Sometimes I wonder how it feels to be a star. I think you are #1! Please write back.

Jennifer Bentley, age 7  
Dearborn, MI

We'd love to be able to respond personally to every letter we receive, Jennifer — they are all so much fun to read! But there's just not enough time to get back to the hundreds of fans who write to us each month! We do read and enjoy them all, and we hope you enjoy reading the few we have room to print here every month!

## BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

Well, it's that time again! Time to wish many of our BARBIE readers a happy birthday!

1/1/ Kim Caballero, Lemoine, TX, 11  
1/4/ Rebecca Vanard, San Diego, CA, 10  
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1/7/ Stephanie Halinski, Lansdale, PA, 10  
1/9/ Huong Luu, Santa Clara, CA, 10  
1/10/ Ellen Smith, Mockinaw, IL, 33  
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Apalachin, NY, 11  
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& Christa Foerschner, Levittown, NY, 7  
1/19/ Lauren Lee,  
Washington Township, NJ, 12  
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& Whitney Jones, Baxley, GA, 7  
1/23/ Julia Heczko, Hamilton,  
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1/24/ Rainbeau, Northampton, NH  
1/26/ Aaliyah Rose, Brandy Station, VA, 6  
1/28/ Kenya Sridman, Mesa, AZ, 11  
1/29/ Amanda Burroughs, Berthight, TN, 13,  
& Erin Milne, Poplar Grove, IL, 9  
1/30/ Elsie Jane, East Malaysia, 11,  
& Laura Sabatino, Valley Stream, NY, 25

Warmest birthday wishes to Barbie fashion page artist, Mont Todd, on 1/9, and a very happy birthday to all the BARBIE readers who

celebrate a birthday this month!

If you would like to see your name here, send your name, age, full address, and birthday to the address at the top of this page. Please send it to us at least six months ahead of time so we can be sure it gets into the correct issue!

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